



K-12 Engineering Outreach

Purpose

Prof. Betty Lise Anderson leads an outreach program for engineering that is specifically designed to address the shrinking number of students going into the STEM fields and to increase the number of women and minorities in engineering. Along with more than 150 Ohio State student volunteers, Prof. Anderson visits schools, camps, and after-school organizations to engage kids by teaching them how to build real engineering projects, such as working speakers and motors that they can take home.

Impact

Prof. Anderson and her students have visited a total of 78 different schools, bringing hands-on engineering projects to more than 9,000 students, many of whom may never have thought they could be an engineer, or even had any idea what an engineer does.

Recent projects have emphasized energy, with kids building a DC motor and a Faraday flashlight. Another has students build a finger-tip heart rate monitor using a potato chip clip, infrared LED, and some simple circuitry.



Ohio State Colleges/Units Involved

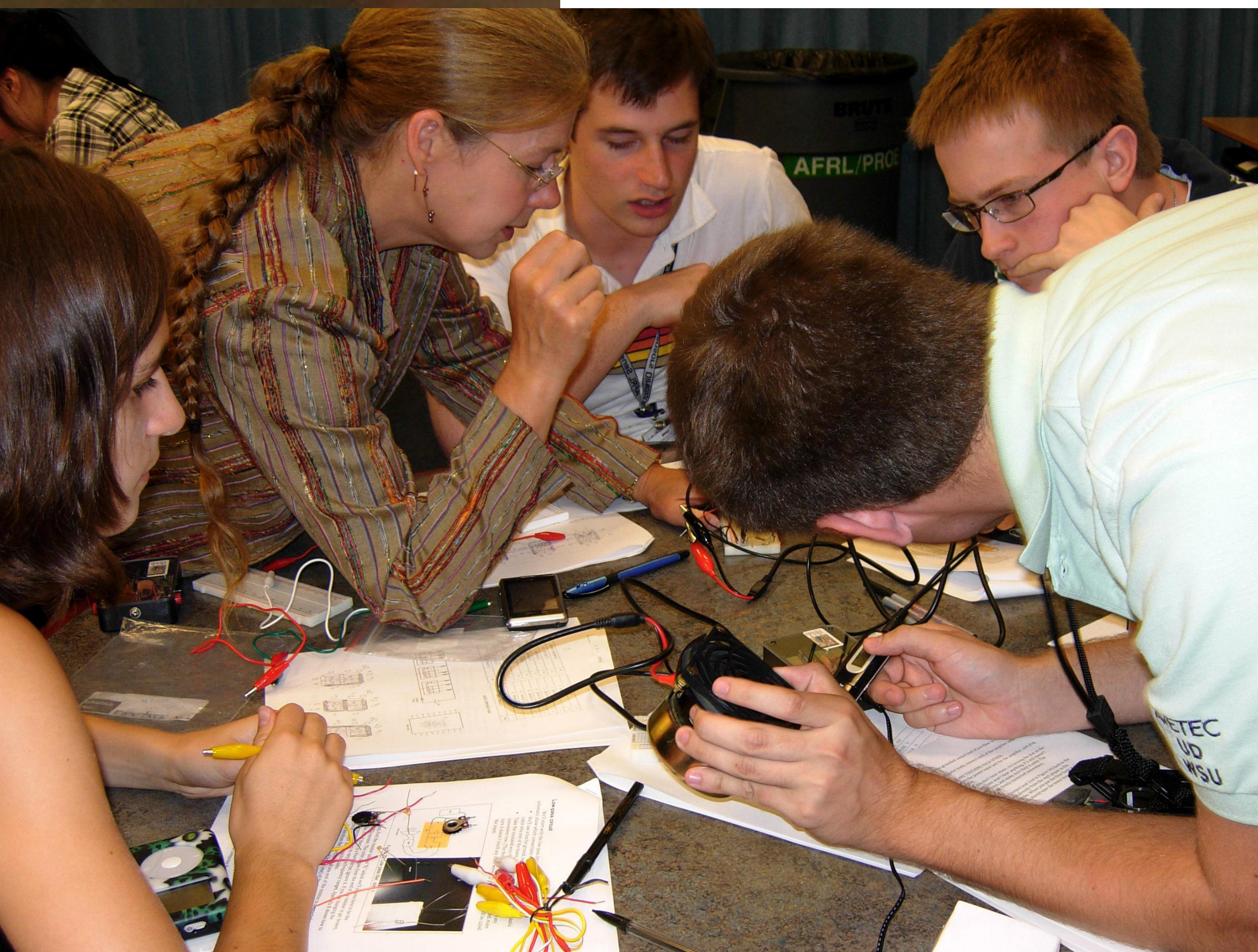
College of Engineering
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
College of Engineering Minority Engineering Program
College of Engineering Women in Engineering Program

Community Partners Involved

78 different schools
4H Club
Vineyard Community Center
Engineering Explorer Post
YMCA Y-Club
Young Scholars Program
Wright Scholars
Ohio Science and Engineering Talent Expansion Program

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